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COUNTRY: SOUTH VIETNAM

SUBJECT: THIS IS A SITUATION REPORT IN I CORPS AS OF 1800 HOURS ON 6 FEBRUARY

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1. THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE SINCE 1200 HOURS. REMNANTS OF VC UNITS WHICH PARTICIPATED IN EARLIER ATTACKS IN AND ABOUT QUANG TRI CITY ARE STILL IN THE PLAINS AREAS ABOUT THE CITY, BUT ARE NOT SEEKING AGGRESSIVE CONTACT. U.S. ADVISORS REPORT SIGNS OF ENEMY UNITS IN THE WESTERN PART OF PROVINCE, BUT IDENTITIES AND INTENTIONS WERE APPARENTLY UNKNOWN. THERE ARE ABOUT 75,000 REFUGEES IN AND ABOUT THE CITY AND RICE STOCKS ARE LOW OR FROZEN FOR ARVN USES. LACK OF SUFFICIENT TRANSPORT ALSO MAKES RICE PROCUREMENT DIFFICULT AND ADDS TO NON-AVAILABILITY ON LOCAL MARKET.

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2. NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION IN QUANG IN PROVINCE FROM 1200 HOURS. IT IS MOST DIFFICULT TO GATHER INFORMATION AND MAKE CONTACTS AMONG U.S. AND VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS DUE TO THE STRICT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY VIETNAMESE PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS.

3. AT THIS TIME THERE IS IN HUE ONE VC/NVA REGIMENT NORTH OF HUE AND ONE TO THE SOUTH. MOST PRISONERS BROUGHT IN SO FAR ARE FROM VC UNITS RATHER THAN NVA. U.S. MARINES ARE NOW AT THE PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR'S HOUSE. BUT DO NOT HOLD ANY AREA ADJACENT TO NGUYEN STREET. NO DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED BY THE CORDS HEADQUARTERS BUILDING EXCEPT FOR A HOLE BLOWN IN ONE WALL. THE HOSPITAL AREA IS CLEAR OF THE ENEMY. MARINE CONVOYS CANNOT PROCEED OVER ROUTE 1 FROM PHU BAI TO HUE. U.S. MARINES CONTINUE TO MOVE WEST AND SOUTHWEST FROM MACV COMPOUND AND FIGHTING IS FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE. NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE REGARDING THE CITADEL AREA. THE MAIN RIVER BRIDGE IS STILL INTACT WITH U.S. MARINES HOLDING THE SOUTHERN END OF THE BRIDGE WHILE ARVN HOLDS THE NORTH END. HUE NOW HAS APPROXIMATELY 3000 RESIDENT REFUGEES. THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE AT THE HUE UNIVERSITY BUILDING AND IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE, FOOD WISE.

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OCCASIONAL SNIPER FIRE AND ANTICIPATES FEW DEVELOPMENTS
OR VC ACTIVITY DURING THE NIGHT OF 6/7 FEBRUARY.

5. IN AND AROUND DANANG CITY U.S. AND VIETNAMESE MILITARY
OFFICERS ARE ANTICIPATING AN ATTACK BY THE 2ND NVA DIVISION WHICH
REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN MOVING NORTH THROUGH QUANG NAM PROVINCE. EX-
CEPTIONAL PRECAUTIONS AND DEFENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING UNDER-
TAKEN WITHIN AND AROUND THE CITY ON THE PART OF U.S. AND ARVN
FORCES. CHECKPOINTS, BARRIERS, AND OTHER CONTROLS ARE PREVALENT
MAKING MOVEMENT DIFFICULT PARTICULARLY IN THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.
VIGOROUS VIETNAMESE POLICE CHECKS CONTINUE AND ANYONE WITHOUT
PROPER DOCUMENTATION IS SUBJECT TO DETENTION.

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